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A Red Fox Tale.

One night last week the family of John Rose on Beech Fork had retired for the night, sleeping up stairs, with several of the doors down stairs open on account of the heat. They had not been in bed long before they heard a pack of hounds coming in full tilt over the ridge from the deep woods, making the music so dear to a hunter's heart. They were headed straight for Mr. Rose's house and when near it the dogs stopped running, short off and were heard no more.

When the next day dawned, the Roses rose and went about the daily affairs. One, going to do the breakfast cooking, was astonished to see a big red fox coolly curled up under the kitchen cabinet. With a shout for help, and one or two nice little screams, the fun began. The women folks armed with their usual weapons—poker, rolling pin and stove-wood—set in to the fray in deadly earnest and Mr. Fox saw in a moment that in hiding in there from the dogs he had jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. The folks fought well but the fox dodged the better and quick out through a window he went with a crash and a red fox's swift good-bye.

Somewhere among the limestone ledges of Beech Fork that fox is resting up for another chase when John Maxwell toots his hunting horn in the beech groves up there, but it's long odds that he will ever again risk an open window or a flying stick of stove-wood!

Box Supper.

A box supper will be held in the school house yard Saturday night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church. The young ladies are each expected to bring a box of goodies, which is to be sold to the highest bidder. Lemonade and cake will also be served by the ladies. Everybody invited.

Home at Last.

Ben Mastin was brought to his home near Powell's Valley church Saturday night in a very serious condition. He was met at Lexington by Dr. Martin who cared for him on the train. The first report that he was suffering from tuberculosis is not true, but he is in a very dangerous condition, and may not recover.

Camp Meeting at Vaughn's Mill.

The Revs. Wm. Kirk, of this city, and W. L. Byrd, of Spout Spring, will hold a camp meeting in the G. W. Lyle grove on Hardwick's creek, beginning Saturday July 22nd. There will be an all day service Sunday with dinner on the ground. All persons are most cordially invited to attend these meetings.

At Last—A Girl!

Dr. Irvin reports the birth of a ten-pound daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Adams, July 20th. This is six children in that family, the first five being boys.

The big drilling machine that came the other day was for work in the Matt Abney Hollow of Hardwick's Creek, where they will sink a well for Kennon Bros.

J. A. Cox Dead.

Prof. Jasper A. Cox, who taught school at Stanton, Waltersville and Spout Spring back in the latter 80's and early 90's, is dead in Missouri according to information received by us. The date of his death was not mentioned but possibly was several months back.

His wife, who was a Miss Tipton, of Cow Creek, Estill county, is also dead. Prof. Cox was a favorite teacher of his day. He will be particularly remembered on account of his introduction of phonetic spelling. In this way he soon taught the young pupils to observe and use the diacritical marks in their spellers and readers.

Shipping Fine Stock.

Our enterprising young farmer N. V. Rose, left Lexington last Friday morning with a car of thoroughbred Hampshire sheep, twenty one in number, taking them to Walnut Hall Stock Farm in Colorado, where they are raising all kinds of first-class stock to supply the great farms and ranches of that inland empire, Colorado, and its surrounding States. He will be gone some ten or fifteen days.

Shipping Livestock.

D. R. Daniel is receiving today for shipment tomorrow one car load of cattle and a mixed car of lambs and hogs. Some of the lambs he engaged some months ago at 6 1/2 cents. The more recent purchases he paid 8 cents for. He paid 8 1/2c for the hogs.

ORPHANS' HOME ITEMS.

The children enjoyed an outing on the 4th of July.

We are thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Bloom and Mr. and Mrs. Eaton for the donation of plums.

Cynthia Patrick spent a few days at the Home on her way to Highland College at Guerrant.

The horse was put out of commission by a snake bite but owing to Mr. Wright's timely help he is getting over it nicely.

We have not been able to get all the things planted that we desired, owing to the fact that we could not get the ground plowed.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Leader: Mrs. S. T. Carr.
Subject: Enthusiasm; Its Value; How to Cultivate It.
Lesson: Is. 12, 1-6.
Prayer.
Song.

Enthusiasm, Mrs. T. P. Mountz.
The Value of Enthusiasm, Mrs. W. R. Cassidy.

(2) Mrs. Joe Mountz.
How to Cultivate Enthusiasm, Miss Ruth Eaton.

(1) Miss Ethyl Duncan.
(2) C. U. Eaton.
(3) Miss Adaline Hazelrigg.
Song.

A Bible View of the Lack of Enthusiasm, Rev. 3, 14 16.—Mrs. J. P. Ringo.

An Enthusiasm that was not Through, Gal. 7:9.—Mrs. R. L. Tipton.

The Sublime Enthusiasm of Paul, Phil. 3, 4 10.—Mrs. Emma Mountz.

The Enthusiasm of Jesus, John 9, 4 5; John 12: 14, 17, 24, 26.—Miss Esther Searles.

League Benediction.

Russell Takes to the Field.

Albert Burgher and John Kirk left Tuesday for Furnace to build a water reservoir on a ridge some where out there, where F. B. Russell, of Louisville, is getting ready to drill. Mr. Russell has lots of oil lands in that section, and we understand he is to drill a number of wells, one at least of which is where they have to pump the water from the big springs out to the top of the mountain to run the drilling engine. There is hardly a doubt but we will have reports of some fine wells for Mr. Russell.

Thirty—Forty

We understand that they made \$30.40 at the ice cream supper at the Christian church Saturday night. The amount would have been larger if it had not rained as night came on. They had a very pleasant time, enjoying the occasion to the utmost, and the cakes and cream were so good that they cleaned up everything they could eat, before the Concert Band had come to the final tune—"God be with you till we meet again."

Births and Deaths in Powell.

According to a report of the Kentucky State Board of Health, Powell county for the first four months of this year had 38 births and 13 deaths. Nine of these deaths were from preventable diseases; three of them were children under one year old; five of them were from tuberculosis of the lungs.

Another Drilling Machine.

Another oil drilling machine has arrived in the city. It is being taken to a farm near Virden where the Kenova Oil Company will sink a well. This will be the first developments on Brush creek and here's hoping that the venture will be successful in finding an abundant flow of oil of the good kind.

In Serious Condition.

Mrs. Albert Easter who has been afflicted for several years with asthma and heart trouble has become very much worse and is in a very dangerous condition. One of her limbs has bursted from the excessive swellings. Her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Walters, of Ford, has been called to her bedside.

Will Preach at Vaughn's Mill.

Eld. Oleo Purvis, pastor of the local Christian church, will preach at the Vaughn's Mill Christian church Saturday night, and Sunday afternoon at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Bank Report.

The Clay City National Bank has one of their splendid reports in this issue. It is always a source of satisfaction to the depositors and a source of gratification to the stockholders to read a report of this solid old institution.

The drilling on the Mountz farm near town continues to a depth of over 500 feet. The indications for oil are good and the promoters are hopeful for a good well.

STANTON.

(By P. O. Dertick.)

Cliff Chaney is in Jackson, attending Breathitt County court.

Miss Mabel Knox visited her uncle Ben Martin, at Lombard, last week.

Mrs. S. K. Baird and daughter of Gordonton, visited John W. Willirms last week.

W. F. Adams is home again after several days' visit with kin folks in Clark county.

J. D. Atkinson was in Frankfort last week on business before the Court of Appeals.

Joe Newland of Jackson is running the drilling machine of Patrick Bros. on the Alex Fox place.

John Morris of Thurman, Ohio, was here last week to see his brother Henry, who is quite sick.

The fill has been completed for the new depot and work will soon be started for its construction.

Miss Visa Jones took with a fainting spell and fell, hurting herself quite severely, one day last week.

Miss Emma Williams of Estill, is visiting the family of Henry Daniel and attending the Institute, this week.

D. R. Clark returned Friday from Quicksand, where he had gone on business connected with some walnut timber.

Rev. Henry Townsend of Radical was here on business Tuesday going on to Clay City. He preached at Mt. Canaan Sunday.

Misses Eloise and Elsie Vance left Saturday for a visit with their grandmother, Mrs. Vance, in Lexington, for several days.

Mrs. Allie Christopher of Winchester and her sister, Mrs. Chaney of Campton Jct. visited Mrs. Lennie Crowe, over Sunday.

John E. Patrick of Jackson was here last week in connection with his oil interests, and they are drilling on the Fox land.

Mrs. Hanks of Winchester visited her mother, Mrs. Holly, last week. Mrs. Holly went home with her for a visit of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb and children, who have been visiting at Mrs. Creed's for several days, have returned to their home at Lexington.

Mrs. J. W. Williams and her sister, Mrs. Kate Bohannon, have returned from Detroit. They report one of the finest trips they have ever taken.

Mrs. Rose has returned from Hot Springs, Ark, where she has been under treatment for the past month. She is somewhat improved in health.

Mrs. J. H. Mullins and daughter of Cornettsville in Perry, Mrs. Sarah Holmes and Mary Crabtree, visited with the family of Geo. Knox last week.

C. C. Epps and wife of New Ross, Ind., are here visiting their many relatives, and are at present with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch.

The little child of Richard Williams died at the Furnace and was brought to Stanton and thence to Bath county for burial.

The Reason Why at Furnace

The Clay City Ball Team, feeling mighty good over walloping Stanton the other day, lit out to Furnace, Sunday, tickled to death with the way they were going to lay out the backwoods boys up there, but the Furnace boys were loaded for bear; they had a diamond in a last year's corn-field, full of old bumps and humps and cornstalks. But they had a big game, all right enough, and our boys were treated nice, and had pie, and gassed some, and smelt some gass, and finally got the patchen knocked off of them in the 9th inning—the score being 7 to 8, in favor of Furnace. While our boys won't admit anything much, it's generally understood that the real reason for the beat was our boys looking at the at those pretty country girls who came to cheer the other side. But they played well, considering the beauty, our boys did!

Feeling for Fish

Ray White and Austin Johnson went fishing the other day to decide a bet as to who could catch the first fish. Ray was seated on a bluff bank and he took a slip and scooted in with a great splash. After watching Ray flounder around for a minute or so, with water in his ear and mud on his nose, Austin pulled in his hook, remarking to Ray that if he was going after fish like a didapper the bet was off right now.

The repairing work on Mr. Waldron's house in Mechanicsville is about completed. With new foundations, new chimneys, painting and papering, they have now a thoroughly renovated home.

Mr. Williams is working in the oil fields.

Tilford Abney is preparing for housekeeping again. Mrs. Asa Jones, who is now in his house, will soon move to Hamilton, O. where her husband is working.

Jeff Martin was in Winchester last week under the care of Dr. Browne, for kidney trouble. He was put on a buttermilk diet which he says goes pretty hard with him.

Thos. Bolin, of Bates county, Mo., is visiting his old friends and associates of boyhood days. He was raised within a mile and a half of Stanton. He is enjoying his visit immensely.

D. Breeze, who has been sick for many months in Illinois, and later at the Furnace, is quite low. His death may occur any moment. His two daughters attended school here last year.

Mrs. J. C. Hanley will leave Friday for her home in Newcastle, Pa., where she will visit until school opens up again. Prof. Hanley will go with her to Ohio, where he will preach on Sunday.

C. B. Rosenbarger of Washington, D. C., the advance man of the Ratcliffe Chautauqua, was here two days this week, helping in the organization of the men for the chautauqua to be held in August.

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